



CCM 2013 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 109 An Act Concerning Notification to Municipalities of Termination of a Customer's Utility Service

SB 109 would require an electric distribution, gas or water company to provide notice to the chief elected official of the municipality where a customer's utility service has been terminated for more than seven continuous days.

The information would be beneficial, in particular for local public safety personnel. However, language should be clarified to ensure that a municipality is held harmless from any liability should services be restored without notification, and if public safety is then compromised.

CCM urges the committee to **amend and favorably report SB 109.**

SB 315 An Act Concerning Communication Between Public Service Companies and Customers

SB 315 would require each public service company to develop a communication plan with customers of such company, including particular communications during an emergency. The information will help residents, businesses and municipalities be notified of company actions, and how to properly respond during emergencies.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report SB 315.**

SB 945 An Act Concerning the Payments of Security Deposits to Municipal Utilities Furnishing Electric, Gas or Water Service.

SB 945 would require a municipal utility providing electric, gas or water service to develop a plan for security deposit requirements for new and existing commercial and industrial customers, as well as the return of such customers' security deposits for timely bill payment.

CCM urges the committee to **take no action on SB 945.**



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